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## LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS

	Cents	Dollars
95° Centrifugal N. Y. Per lb. Per ton	3.89	\$77.80
Price, Hawaiian basis		
88° Beets, N. Y. Parity	No quotation	
88° Beets, European	since war be-	
Price	per	

## GERMANS ARE FALLING BACK IN FLANDERS AND MASSING

Retreat of Teutons Before Allies Towards Positions East of Yser Canal Confirmed by Dispatches From Rotterdam

## KAISER'S TROOPS TAKE UP ANOTHER DEFENSE

Announcement From Paris Says Franco-British Forces Make Gains in France, While Capital Is Fearful of Airship Attack

LONDON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—According to the accounts published in the Belgian newspaper La Belgique, at Rotterdam, the reported retreat of the Germans in Flanders towards positions east of the Yser canal is confirmed.

The Germans are massing troops on a new line of defense several miles east, running south from Bruges, through Thielt to Courtrai.

ALLIES MAKING GAINS  
Despatches from France yesterday report fighting in progress along almost the entire line, with the Allies making gains in several places. The official Paris announcement says:

"Nothing important is reported today from the battle-line between the sea and the Yser river.

"In the region of the river Aisne, northeast of Soissons, we have demolished a German battery which has been violently bombarding our entrenchments. "Near Arras, our artillery has destroyed some important field work of the enemy.

PROGRESS IN ARGONNE  
"In the forest of Argonne, we have progressed slightly by mining the enemy's positions immediately in front of us.

"There have been no German infantry attacks in the territory mentioned above. In the Woivre district we have captured 500 yards of trenches and in the forest of Montmarie have repulsed two charges made by Germans.

"In Alsace our advance has reached a point beyond Altkirch, ten miles beyond the border.

"In the neighborhood of Verdun and St. Mihiel we have made small advances."

PARIS FEARED AERIAL RAID  
PARIS, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—All street lamps were extinguished at midnight last night. Reports were received here that two Zeppelin airships were proceeding in the direction of this city.

## CARRANZA CONTROLS LINER CALIFORNIA

Railway Bridge Near Juarez Burned by Troops of Salazar

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Advices received here last night say that the Mexican town of La Paz, the capital of Lower California, has been taken by Carranza forces under Colonel Iturbide.

Despatches from El Paso say that a railway bridge on the line between Juarez and Chihuahua is believed to be the work of Salazar's troops, who are reported to be active in that neighborhood.

No news of other developments in the Mexican situation were received during the day.

## ADMIRAL NICHOLSON ON RETURN LIST TODAY

WASHINGTON, December 14.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Rear Admiral Reginald F. Nicholson, late commander of the Asiatic fleet, will be retired tomorrow.

## Only Thirty-Seven of This Belgian Regiment Survived After an Attack On Germans



## EXPLOSION OF GAS KILLS 7 PERSONS

Terrible Disaster Takes Place When Apartment House in Cleveland Is Wrecked

Nine Are Badly Hurt and Two Women and Five Children Missing

CLEVELAND, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—A terrible disaster occurred to the inhabitants of an apartment house here yesterday, when the building was wrecked by an explosion of natural gas.

Five persons in one family, and two unidentified girls, were killed outright.

Nine persons are seriously injured and burned.

Two women and five children are missing and may be buried in the ruins of the burning buildings.

A dozen other persons were hurt by the explosion and the flying debris.

An investigation is now under way to determine the cause of the explosion.

## BRITISH SHIP LOST AT HATTERAS INLET

NORFOLK, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The British steamship Isle of Iona is stranded and a total wreck at Hatteras Inlet. The vessel barely made the south cape at Hatteras. The crew were saved.

## STOCKS ARE MOVING UPWARD IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, December 14.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Stocks continue their strong upward movement here, noticeable since the somewhat restricted opening of the exchange. The market will be open tomorrow.

## MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SHIPS ARE REGISTERED

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—As a result of the recent legislation amending the shipping laws as regards entry to American registry, the merchant marine has been increased by the registration of one hundred and one vessels since September 3, representing an aggregate tonnage of 361,078.

## BRITISH TORPEDO TURK BATTLESHIP

Submarine B-11 Makes Perilous Trip Into Dardanelles and Sinks Unsuspecting Warship

LONDON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The Admiralty issued an official announcement yesterday of the torpedoing on the Turkish battleship Mesoudieh, 11 the straits of Dardanelles, by the British submarine B-11, under command of Lieutenant Commander Norman Holbrook.

The British submarine entered the straits undetected, and dived under a row of five hostile submarines to reach the warship beyond. The B-11 rose, took an observation and fired one torpedo, which took effect. The Mesoudieh was observed to be sinking by the stern.

The B-11 immediately submerged again and gained the entrance of the straits and the open sea in safety, having been under water nine hours altogether.

## THREE KINGS TO MEET AT SEAPORT OF SWEDEN

Haakon of Norway and Christian of Denmark to Discuss War With Gustav

COPENHAGEN, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The unity of interests between the Scandinavian states during the present war has caused King Gustav to invite King Haakon of Norway and King Christian of Denmark to visit him at Mahno, the Swedish seaport town, on Friday and Saturday of this week. The sovereigns will discuss the state of affairs resulting from the war.

Advices from Stockholm say that the Germans have captured the Swedish steamer Ludvig Peyron, and taken the vessel to the naval base at Swinemunde.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BRINGS CONSUL REWARD

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—John Q. Wood, formerly of Hawaii, whose recent success as American consul general at Adis Ababa, where he distinguished himself during the Italian-Turkish war and since, has brought him prominently before the American public, has been rewarded by promotion. He has been designated as consul at Chemnitz, an important city in Saxony.

## AWFUL SUFFERING OCCURS IN POLAND

Four Hundred Villages Have Been Destroyed and Women and Children Are Destitute

LONDON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The suffering of the non-combatants in Belgium, through the destruction of homes and the sweeping bare the country of all supplies of food, is duplicated on a much larger scale throughout Poland, where millions are reported to be starving, without prospect of relief.

According to reports from various trustworthy sources, four hundred villages have been destroyed as a result of the fighting between the two great armies that have been driven back and forth across the land during the past three months.

Unless some means of relieving the distress can be found, very many of the women and children of Russian Poland will not be able to survive the winter.

Reuters dispatches from Petrograd say that the city is without water as a result of the blocking of the conduits in the Neva River by ice floes. There is much apprehension for fear fire may break out.

## SERVIANS OCCUPY THEIR CAPITAL

They Make Good Claim That They Have Driven Austrians From Their Country

LONDON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Despite the assertions from Vienna that the reported victories on the part of the Serbians are gross exaggerations and unwarranted by the facts, the Serbs reoccupied their capital, Belgrade, yesterday, making good their claim that they have driven the Austrians back upon the western border.

The Austrian announcement yesterday regarding the withdrawal of the army of invasion from before Kragujevac, said:

"A simple rearrangement of our Balkan army and the retirement of our left wing for redistribution against strong hostile forces has been called a great Serbian victory. The enemy's reports of our losses have been immeasurably exaggerated."

The Austrians also report the reoccupation of Dukla, in Galicia, with the capture of 9800 Russian prisoners.

## GERMAN GENERAL DIES OF WOUNDS

Official Report of Operations Gives Announcement of General Von Streck's Death

BERLIN, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Lieutenant General von Streck, former inspector general of ordnance at Munich, is dead of wounds received in action in the fighting in the western theater, according to an official announcement issued yesterday. Regarding the military situation, the announcement says:

"The light French attacks that have been made along our positions between the river Meuse and the Vosges mountains have been easily repulsed.

"Nothing else important is occurring in the western theater of war.

"In East Prussia and in Southern Poland nothing is occurring. In Northern Poland our operations are taking the normal course."

## GENERAL BARNARDISTON DECORATED BY MIKADO

Leader of British Troops at Tsingtau Will Pass Through Honolulu

TOKYO, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The Mikado entertained Brigadier General Barnardiston, who commanded the British forces at Tientsin, at luncheon yesterday, and conferred a decoration upon him.

General Barnardiston will sail on December 19 for San Francisco. It is reported here that the British navy has captured the German armed merchantman Oxford in the Indian Ocean.

Another report, reaching here from the island of Guam, says that the converted German cruiser Cormorant has entered that port.

## CHINA REGRETS DEATH OF ADVISER ROCKHILL

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Chang Yin Tang, the minister from China, made a formal call at the department of state yesterday in order to express the sympathy of his government with the United States over the recent death of Special Councillor W. W. Rockhill, which occurred at Honolulu while Mr. Rockhill was on his way to Peking.

## SECRETARY DANIELS BEFORE COMMITTEE

He Recommends Probationary Grade for New Officers of Marine Corps

Also Favors Graduated Retirement Scheme for Commissioned Men of Navy

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Several matters of great importance were discussed yesterday by Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels at a hearing before the house committee on naval affairs.

The secretary recommended some radical changes in the system of appointing officers to the Marine Corps and of retiring officers of the corps.

PROBATIONARY PLAN ADVOCATED.

He recommended that all original appointments be as "acting" second lieutenants, so that after a period of probation those officers who fail to measure up to the service requirements may be dropped, while those who prove satisfactory will be permanently commissioned.

Secretary Daniels also favors a graduated retirement scheme for officers, basing the amount of the retired pay drawn by an officer upon the length of his service and the extent of the disabilities which caused the retirement.

ALASKA COAL PERFECT FUEL.

The secretary testified that the latest tests show that the coal tried out by the navy from the new Matanuska fields in Alaska is practically perfect for naval use.

Referring to naval ordnance, he told the committee that the government is manufacturing torpedoes at Newport News and making them for a thousand dollars less apiece than the prices quoted by private manufacturers.

GOVERNMENT PROJECTILE PLANT.

He asked for an appropriation of \$500,000 for a government projectile plant for the navy. He reported that the navy ordnance bureau was experimenting with a new shell, which promises great results when used against submarines.

## SOLDIERS OF HAWAII PRAISED BY EDWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, who arrived here last evening on the transport Sherman from Honolulu, said: "The soldiers in Hawaii are at the highest state of efficiency. They are well fed, and enjoy their work."

## TEUTONS FAIL TO WIN GOAL IN MAD RUSH ON WARSAW

Invasion of Poland Reaches High Water Mark and Then Collapses Into Retreat Before Slav's Offensive Movement

## COSSACKS WIN HEAVY CAVALRY ENGAGEMENT

Battle Southwest of Mlawa Clinches an Important Victory for Legions of Czar, While Turks Are Routed Near Border

LONDON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Dispatches from Petrograd to the London Times say that the German invasion of Poland and the advance on Warsaw reached the high water mark on Saturday, when it failed and the Teutons were forced to fall back before the Russian offensive movements.

These advices report that the German movement has ceased to threaten the Russian operations, and that the next move will be an attack upon the German flank by the Russian army.

Dispatches from the front in Poland say that the piercing of the German front beyond Praszyn and the wide swinging movement of the Russian left on the main highway from Ploetz to Mlawa, have been followed and concluded by a heavy cavalry engagement southwest of Mlawa, clinching an important victory for the Russian troops.

From the Caucasus, the Russian general staff reports to Petrograd on the recent engagements with the Turks near the Caucasian border, say that after hard fighting all last Friday south of Erzerum, in Asiatic Turkey, the Turks everywhere were repulsed and chased beyond the River Euphrates.

## COLD WAVE SWEEPS THE MIDDLE WEST

Mercury Drops Far Below Zero and Poor Folk Generally Are Suffering

CHICAGO, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—The entire Middle West is suffering from a severe cold wave, which extends from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes.

The thermometer here last night registered thirty-four degrees of frost and the zero weather has vastly increased the work of the various charities and relief associations.

Yesterday a score of poorly clad persons were picked up in the streets overcome by the cold and in danger of freezing to death.

The cold is extreme throughout Montana, Minnesota and North and South Dakota, where the average last night the district showed an sixteen degrees below zero.

## BIG APPROPRIATION FOR POSTAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, December 15.—(Associated Press by Federal Wire)—Appropriations aggregating \$327,700,514 for the carrying on of the postal service for 1915 were recommended yesterday by the house committee. The extension of the postal service to enable it to take over telegraph and telephone lines, to be run in connection with the postal service, as recommended by Postmaster General Burleson, was not provided for in the report made.